

The RCC Weekly

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In Memoriam

Dr. Randolph Bromery, former interim President at RCC from 2002-03, died on Tuesday, March 26th in Danvers, Massachusetts.

Born on January 18, 1926, in Cumberland, Maryland, Dr. Bromery was a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. After the war, he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics from Howard University. During the 60's, he received a master's degree in geology from American University and a doctorate in geology from Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Bromery had an illustrious career in higher education in Massachusetts. At the University of Massachusetts Amherst, he held numerous positions: Commonwealth professor of geophysics, chairman of the department of geology and geography, vice chancellor for student affairs, chancellor of the Amherst campus, executive vice president of the University of Massachusetts system and retired commonwealth professor emeritus. From 1992 to 1999, he was president of Springfield College.

As a leader in the business community, Dr. Bromery served as a member of the boards of directors with the Exxon Corporation, NYNEX/Bell Atlantic Corporations, New England Telephone Company, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and The John Hancock Life Insurance Company. He served as president of Weston Geophysical International Corporation and the Geoscience Engineering Company, a jointly owned geological and geophysical consulting business.

In February 1997, he was honored by the National Academy of Sciences as one of the nation's outstanding black scientists and his portrait was hung in the Hall of The National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Bromery is survived by his wife of 65 years, Cecile Trescott Bromery; his sons, Keith M., Dennis R., David T. and Christopher J. Bromery, and a daughter, Carol Ann



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MIT-SPURS FELLOWS PRESENTATION SERIES

Spring 2013

Urban Economics/Economics

Faculty Coordinator: Prof. Nasreen Latif

WOMEN'S ROLE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: DEVELOPING A MARKET OF HANDICRAFTS FOR UNEMPLOYED WOMEN

- Date: Wed, 3/13 | Time: 9:00-11:45 am | Room: 3-424
- Presenter: Anush Hovakimyan, Armenia

DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING POLICY: CREATIVE PLACE MAKING IN INDONESIA

- Date: Thu, 3/28 | Time: 10:30-1:15 am | Room: 3-424
- Presenter: Dewi Shinta Soebari Putri, Indonesia

ENVIRONMENTAL/ FOOD JUSTICE ISSUES: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT (EARTH DAY)

- Date: Thu, 4/18 | Time: 11:00-2:30 am | Room: 3-424
- Panel Discussion: Ofer Lerner, Israel (SPURS Fellow), MIT Faculty and Community Partner

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Date: Thu, 4/25 | Time: 10:30-1:15 am | Room: 3-424
- Presenter: Liliana Pimentel, Brazil

Political Science

Faculty Coordinator: Prof. Randall Foote

PALESTINIAN/ISRAELI DEBATE/DISCUSSION

- Date: Fri, 3/8 | Time: 9:30-11:00 am | Room: 3-424
- Presenter: Ofer Lerner, Israel

US AND THE MUSLIM WORLD

- Date: Fri, 3/15 | Time: 9:30-11:00 am | Room: 3-424
- Presenter: Muhammad Hanif GUL, Pakistan
- Ibrahim Etem Ertem, Turkey

LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT

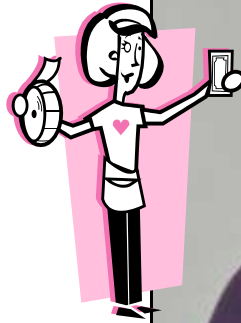
- Date: Fri, 4/15 | Time: 9:30-11:00 am | Room: 3-107
- Presenter: Liliana Pimentel, Brazil Patricia Cezario Silva Maria Cecilia Paredes Castro, Ecuador

Event is sponsored by the RCC/MIT-SPURS
Collaboration Program and RCC Economics
Club Faculty Advisor: Prof. Nasreen Latif



The Roxies

The **Roxies Valentine's Day Bazaar and Auction** was a success. Enough money was made to support student textbook purchases for another semester. Thanks to all who participated: those who donated, those who made purchases, and those who volunteered (especially our students) their time and expertise to help organize and run the event. Our students will benefit from your kindness and generous spirit.



The winners of the raffle are listed below:

- Salvatore's Restaurant: David Parkinson
- All Kylian Ballet: David Parkinson
- Dream Catcher Wreath: Clinton Cromwell
- Citizen Public House and Oyster Bar: Randy Foote
- Wine Tasting at the Fireplace: Judy Kahalas
- Brunch for Two at Henrietta's Table: Alfie Minchella
- Spring Palette Quilt: Dr. Linda Turner
- Free Photo Shoot of your Family: Michelle Harrell
- Five Ballet Lessons at Boston Ballet: Kristin Laird
- Whole Foods Gift Cards: Milt Samuels
- Brunch for Two at Moo at XV Beacon: Chiso Okafor
- Overnight Stay at the Liberty Hotel: Veronica McCormack



Title III Professional Development

Facilitated Learning

Facilitated by Ruth Ronan

35-Hour Stipend Paid Workshop

From March 30 to June 1



The Title III team is recruiting applicants for **Facilitated Learning**, which is the **new** and **improved** Getting Results professional development program under the Title III grant.

This is a ten-week blended-format workshop that explores characteristics of the adult learner and instructional best practices in the community college setting. It focuses on the principles of adult education, variables that affect the community college learner, appropriate learner-centered instructional methodologies, and outcomes-based assessment procedures. Mastery of these teaching techniques has proven to significantly increase

educational impact and sustain student success.

This 35-hour workshop is being offered from March 30 to June 1. Each module begins on a Saturday. There will be three 4-hour face-to-face meetings, two 2-hour virtual meetings, and one 2-hour face-to-face debriefing session (18 hours). The remainder of the time will involve asynchronous activities and forum posts via Moodle (17 hours).

Training on all technology applied will be provided. There are no prerequisite skills required other than a desire to participate in a graduate level educational experience. All are welcome to apply, including participants from previous cohorts.

For more information, please contact:

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Teaching, Learning, and Student Development Conference

Middlesex Community College will host this year's Teaching, Learning, and Student Development Conference, on April 5th, at their Lowell campus. This year's theme is "Preparing Socially Responsible Leaders and Learners." Everything will be on line exclusively.

If you're interested in attending, please register online at www.middlesex.mass.edu/tlsd13/register.aspx. Once you've registered, please email Shelly at SJohnson-Payne@rcc.mass.edu to start the payment process. Each college is responsible for the number of faculty and staff who attend. We will also order a bus for those of you who would rather not fight the morning traffic. This year, Title III professional development funds will be used to cover the cost of sending 30 RCC faculty and staff members to the conference.

RCC Faculty and staff are presenting a number of sessions at the conference. Read their session descriptions that follow:



Assessment Strategies that Promote Student Engagement

Ruth Ronan, Course Developer and Tia Juana Malone, English Professor

This session will present strategies for applying rubrics to increase student engagement and promote inclusiveness. Effective rubric design with online tools will be applied to: communicate course, assignment, and evaluation expectations; develop self and peer assessment skills; collaborate with tutors; and guarantee grading consistency across students and course sessions.

I Can See My House from Here!

David Perkinson, Classroom Technology Specialist

This workshop introduces Google Earth and demonstrates how it can be used to encourage and strengthen our sense of social responsibility. The presentation includes an exercise students can do on their own to better understand the complexities of the world around them.

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RCC Sports



Congratulations to the RCC Men's and Women's Basketball teams for winning the state championships.



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A Collaborative Approach to Assessing the Impacts of Service-Learning on Retention and Success

Charlotte Belezos, Professor of Information/Office Technology and Social Science and Department Chair, in collaboration with faculty from Bunker Hill CC, Middlesex CC and Salem State University



This session reports on a multi-campus investigation of service-learning and its relationship to students' growth and success in the first and second year of college. Results from our spring 2012 pilot study involving five campuses suggest that well-designed service-learning opportunities can improve students' perceptions of their own learning abilities.

Thompson, of Tallahassee, FL, Amherst, MA, Ellicott City, MD, Lynn and Baltimore, MD, respectively. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. His older sister, Bettyjane Coker, lives in Lanham, MD and his younger brother, Robert M. Bromery, lives in Bowie, MD.

Calling hours will be held Wednesday, March 6, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Douglass Funeral Service, Amherst. A memorial service will be held at UMass Amherst at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Bromery Endowment Fund for the Du Bois Center, UMass Amherst Libraries Development Office, 154 Hicks Way, Amherst, MA 01003-9275.

The obituary and memorial register can be found at www.douglassfuneral.com.

To sign a Guest Book, express condolences and share memories go to www.gazettenet.com/obituaries.

Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Wednesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu